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H. R. 5570

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Religious Worker Visa
3 Extension Act of 2008”.

4 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT NONMINISTER RELIGIOUS**
5 **WORKER PROGRAM.**

6 (a) REGULATIONS.—Not later than December 31,
7 2008, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue final
8 regulations to eliminate or reduce fraud in the special im-
9 migrant categories described in subclauses (II) and (III)
10 of section 101(a)(27)(C)(ii) of the Immigration and Na-
11 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(C)(ii)).

12 (b) EXTENSIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(27)(C)(ii) of
14 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
15 1101(a)(27)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking “October
16 1, 2008,” each place such term appears and insert-
17 ing “January 1, 2010,”.

18 (2) CONDITIONAL FURTHER EXTENSION.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section
20 101(a)(27)(C)(ii) of the Immigration and Na-
21 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(C)(ii)), as
22 amended by paragraph (1), is further amended
23 by striking “January 1, 2010,” each place such
24 term appears and inserting “January 1,
25 2016,”.

1 (B) CONDITIONAL EFFECTIVE DATE.—The
2 amendment made by subparagraph (A) shall
3 take effect on March 1, 2009, but only if the
4 Secretary of Homeland Security has complied
5 with subsection (a).

6 (c) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2010,
7 the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Se-
8 curity shall submit to the Congress a report containing
9 the results of a study of the effectiveness of the regula-
10 tions described in subsection (a). The report shall also in-
11 clude an analysis of a random sample of non-minister spe-
12 cial immigrant religious workers, before their second anni-
13 versary of being admitted, to determine whether they are
14 still employed by the religious organization that petitioned
15 for them, and if not, the reasons for their departure from
16 such employment.

Passed the House of Representatives April 15, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.